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## The Law and Judges, Old and New, Hamstringing Strikes and Picketing

By JEROME H. HELLERSTEIN  
A Member of the Bar, New York City

(From an article entitled "Picketing and the Courts," in the New York State Bar Journal, March, 1932.)

In 1866 a group of journeymen cordwainers were tried in Philadelphia for the crime of conspiracy to raise wages. They had formed a trade union and had refused to make bonds for wages below the union scale.

In addressing the jury which convicted the cordwainers the court declared that the law contained a combination of workmen whose purpose it was to secure an increase of wages. "In every point of view this measure is contrary to public policy and to the public interest," he said, "and it tends to demoralize the city, and leaves the pockets of the whole community to the discretion of the conspirators."

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Denver, Thompson, secretary of the Citizens' Employment Council of Denver, said that the unemployment problem in Denver is a serious one. He said that there are 26,000 idle in Denver, and 53,000 dependents. There are no relief funds in Denver.

**Strikers Forbidden to Sign Hymns**

During the 1927-1928 coal strike in Pennsylvania the miners in the town of Rossmore were prevented from picketing or gathering about the coal company's mine or from holding meetings in the town because most of the land in the region was owned by the coal operators.

The strikers took refuge in a church which was located within shooting distance of the tipple of the mine.

There they held religious services, and each day the non-union workers entered and left the mine, they heard the strikers intently singing "Ourselves Christian Soldiers" and "We're On the Winning Side."

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## WORK FOR OVER 500,000 FOUND IN JOBS CAMPAIGN

Leaders Believe Goal of Million Idle Given Work Will Be Reached by May 1—President Green's Influence Emphasized.

New York.—Employment has been found for over 500,000 workers in the nation-wide movement to obtain work for one million of the unemployed, according to figures made public by the officials of the War Relocation Administration, the American Federation of Labor, the American Legion, the American Veterans, and the Legion Auxiliary.

The jobs have been found in the following fields: Agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and service.

With the half million mark safely passed, the campaign is well on its way to reaching its goal of one million jobs by May 1.

**Jobs to Raise Vegetables**

The unemployment relief committee of the War Relocation Administration has announced that it has found jobs for 100,000 unemployed workers in the vegetable industry.

**\$50,000,000 Jobs Relief**

Highway Fund in California

Timothy Reardon, director of the California Highway Commission, has announced that the state has found jobs for 100,000 unemployed workers in the highway industry.

**Jobs and Wage Cuts Before Tennessee Labor Convention**

The Tennessee Labor Convention, which will be held in Nashville on May 1, will discuss the issue of jobs and wage cuts.

**10 Days Work a Month for Idle**

The authorities of Watson County, Wash., have announced that they will give 10 days of work a month to 100,000 unemployed workers.

**Idle Starving in Salt Lake City**

R. C. Quinn, chairman of the county committee of Salt Lake City, has announced that there are 10,000 unemployed workers in Salt Lake City who are starving.

**Idle Improve School Grounds**

The general unemployment committee of the War Relocation Administration has announced that it will give 10 days of work a month to 100,000 unemployed workers in the school grounds.

**\$155,000,000 for Public**

Jobs to Provide Jobs Asked

The War Relocation Administration has announced that it will give 10 days of work a month to 100,000 unemployed workers in the public works.

**St. Louis Unemployment Group Starts New Milk-Selling Drive**

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## LABOR TABLOIDS

California Building Trades Postpone Convention to 1933

The California Building Trades Union has postponed its convention to 1933. The union has decided to hold its convention in 1933, instead of 1932.

**Los Angeles Union Bread Drive**

The Los Angeles Union Bread Drive has been successful. The drive has raised \$100,000 for the unemployed workers.

**Lathers Oppose Wage Cuts**

The Lathers Union has announced that it will oppose any wage cuts for lathers.

**"Unfair" Cafe in Bellingham**

The Cafe in Bellingham has been found to be unfair. The cafe has been found to be unfair to the workers.

**Union Label Guide Compiled**

A guide to the union label has been compiled. The guide will help workers to choose the right union label.

**For Salt Lake City, Utah**

The Salt Lake City, Utah, has been found to be unfair. The city has been found to be unfair to the workers.

**OSBORNE FLAYS RICH TAXPAYERS STRIKE IN PORTLAND**

Secretary of Oregon Labor Federation Implies Big Property Owners Are Working to Keep Taxpayers Out of Public Employment

Portland, Ore.—W. T. Osborne, Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, has announced that he will lead a strike of the rich taxpayers in Portland.

**Clean-up Crusade in Tucson**

The Tucson Clean-up Crusade has been successful. The crusade has cleaned up the city.

**Home Labor Asked by Fresno**

The Fresno Home Labor Union has been successful. The union has raised \$100,000 for the unemployed workers.

**California Prints 550,000**

Arithmetics for Schools

The California State Printing Plant has printed 550,000 arithmetics for schools.

**Prevailing Wage Rate Endorsed**

All candidates for city and county offices have endorsed the prevailing wage rate.

**Radio Talks on Labor in Utah**

The Utah Labor Council has given radio talks on labor in Utah.

**Postcard Savings Check Accounts**

The Postcard Savings Check Accounts have been successful. The accounts have raised \$100,000 for the unemployed workers.

**Drive for Union Label Goods**

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**Iowa Labor Convention Postponed Until 1933**

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**TEXAS UNIONS PROTEST LOW WAGES ON STATE BUILDINGS**

The Texas Unions have protested the low wages on state buildings.

**Withholding Wages Brings Jail Sentence for Employer**

An employer who withheld wages has been sentenced to jail.

**Union Restaurant Patronage Asked by Seattle Waitresses**

The Seattle Waitresses have asked for union restaurant patronage.

**Wages Will Not Stimulate Building, McDonough Declares**

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## 1400 South Carolina Textile Workers Strike Against Fifth Wage Reduction

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